
URGENT NEEDS FACT SHEET

CDBG funding is available to eligible localities on an open submission basis to enable prompt response to existing serious and immediate threats to local health and safety. Up to \$700,000 of CDBG funding is available per project. UNOS proposals will be accepted between January 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013. Projects are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

THRESHOLDS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

- The proposed project must alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community;
- The conditions developed or became urgent within 18 months of the date the proposal is submitted;
- The applicant locality is unable to finance the project on its own, no other funding is available to address the problem, and the CDBG funding will be directly targeted towards alleviation of the threatening conditions; and,
- The threat must be supported by either:

A current declaration of an emergency by the Governor of Virginia relative to a flood, a hurricane, a tornado, an earthquake, or other disaster event, not including droughts, snow, or ice conditions.

OR

A current declaration of an immediate and severe health threat by the State Commissioner of Health relative to the complete failure of a public water or sewer system or incident of similar significance.

CDBG assistance will generally only be made available to projects which consist only of activities in support of long-term recovery. CDBG assistance will generally not be made available to projects with public facility failures resulting from neglected maintenance by a locality.

Localities interested in UNOS assistance should contact DHCD to discuss project eligibility.

Localities are limited to \$2.5 million in open CDBG contracts. Open contracts are those in which all required funding has not been expended, all contractual obligations have not been met,

and/or required closeout forms have not been submitted to and physically received by DHCD. This means that all CDBG-funded activities must be complete and all CDBG funds must be drawn down and spent.

A locality which finds itself in a position to apply for a critical Urgent Need Open Submission or Community Economic Development project and is currently at or near the \$2.5 million limit MAY, at DHCD's discretion, be granted a temporary waiver of the cap limit. The locality should contact DHCD to discuss a possible waiver prior to submittal of the proposal. If the waiver is approved, the Urgent Need or Community Economic Development funds will count towards the cap limit once other CDBG projects are closed. **If a locality finds itself in this position, please contact DHCD immediately.**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact DHCD prior to submission of an application. Contact information is as follows:

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SUBMISSION

Please note that applications are now accepted electronically through the Agency's Centralized Application and Management System (CAMS). To access CAMS, visit the website at www.dhcd.virginia.gov and click on the CAMS icon in the upper-right hand corner. You may then create a locality profile, add staff members, and access the CDBG Planning Grant program using the APPLY button.